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P. S. The kind of questions to which I refer about  
which there might a difference of opinion - is like  
this - The admittance or non admittance of certain  
persons into the pulpit? - Employment of extra  
help in seasons of religious interest? The method  
of conducting inquiring meetings &c &c -  
There should be consultation on all such subjects  
but when there is a difference of opinion - who shall  
decide? —————

J. O. L.

They now wish me to preach 3 or 4 Sabbaths as  
a candidate —



Numerous questions might arise upon which there might be an honest difference of opinion; upon which devolves the responsibility of deciding what shall be? — I suppose upon the Senior pastor; especially where he receives pay & is expected to participate in the services. — Mr. Tenney thought otherwise. Custom has probably established a rule, concerning which you would know —

Again, — Should you think \$600. — a competent support in that place — especially when the rent of a good tenement would be from \$150. to \$200? —

Again — Is the intelligence, the refinement of that people equal to an average of our large New England villages?

From what I have seen, should think them rather behind — — Answers to their inquiries will very much oblige me. — As the case now stands before me, the way does not seem clear — There is a young man here, who belongs in Newburyport — who would fit them much better than I should & would be glad to go there. Mr. Tenney did not wish to see him nor to hear about him until I had positively decided in the negative. I would very much prefer, to build up a congregation than take an old one, especially where the latter has already attained its maximum, from the nature of its location — Still I mean to be willing to go anywhere duty points — I am sorry to trouble you, Sir, but knew <sup>not</sup> how else to obtain the information I desire. — Hope you will find it convenient to write me early.

Yours in the Gospel  
Isaac P. Langworthy



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Dear Sir,

As by your recommendation I have been employed for one Sabbath at Georgetown, I shall take the liberty to make a few inquiries relative to that place, of you & shall ask as speedy a reply as your convenience will allow. -

I preached for the people there only one Sab. because I had made my arrangements to return to N. Haven & could not well change them - Two of the Com. called on me at Andover & wished me to return as soon as I was through here. I gave them but little encouragement - but promised to consider the subject & write them. On my return I consulted some friends, & on Wednesday wrote them a negative answer. On Thursday C. S. Zennet Esq. one of their Committee called on me here, with a letter from the parish clerk giving an account of a parish meeting in which they voted "unanimously to do all in their power to secure" my services &c - He returned yesterday morning, I promised to reconsider the subject & write them soon.

They retain Mr. Braman as pastor, on a salary of \$250. - a year & wish to settle me as colleague at \$600.00 - The old gentleman is very fearful of "Taylorism" as he was careful to inform me, though I think he would be troubled to tell what it is or is not. -

I wish to inquire, whether, from what you know of the man, it is not more than probable we should have some unpleasant difference on these points? Again, whether, the Pastor or Colleague, is "Boss" in questions of dispute?